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1. TURKISH EMBASSY HAS AGAIN SENT NOTES TO EMBASSIES OF MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP IN BONN PROPOSING A DEMARCHE TO THE FRG GOVERNMENT SOLICITING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR UNRWA. TURKISH NOTE PROPOSES THAT THE APPROACH BE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE WORKING GROUP BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TURKISH, GHANAIAAN AND NORWEGIAN EMBASSIES HERE. TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE WHICH TURKISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY PROPOSES TO LEAVE WITH GERMANS IS CONTAINED IN

PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT, AS WAS THE CASE LAST YEAR, WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS DEMARCHE. UNLESS WE HEAR TO THE CONTRARY BY OCTOBER 5, WE SHALL NOTIFY THE TURKISH EMBASSY OF OUR CONCURRENCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST (UNRWA) WHICH RELIES ON VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO CARRY OUT ITS PROGRAMME HAS BEEN CONFRONTED WITH SERIOUS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS. THESE DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN COMPOUNDED BY RECENT CHANGES IN EXCHANGE RATES AND THE CONTINUING EFFECTS OF INFLATION. IN JUNE, THE COMMISSIONER-GENERAL OF THE AGENCY ESTIMATED THAT THE DEFICIT FOR 1973 WOULD AMOUNT TO \$4,200,000. WITH UNCHECKED WORLD-WIDE INFLATION THE PROSPECTS FOR 1974 ARE EVEN MORE ALARMING.

THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE AGENCY AND CONSISTING OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANCE, GHANA, JAPAN, LEBANON, NORWAY, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TURKEY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES HAS RECOMMENDED THAT A NEW EFFORT BE MADE BY ALL DONOR COUNTRIES FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO PREVENT A CURTAILMENT OF THE RELIEF, HEALTH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCY. SUCH A CURTAILMENT WOULD HAVE THE UNDESIRABLE EFFECT OF WORSENING THE SITUATION OF APPROXIMATELY 1,500,000 PALESTINIAN REFUGEES AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE INSTABILITY OF THE REGION.

THE CHIEFS OF MISSION OF THE COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP REPRESENTED IN BONN ARE COGNIZANT OF THE GENEROUS SUPPORT THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS EXTENDED TO UNRWA IN THE PAST, AND WISH TO EXPRESS THE WORKING GROUP'S GRATITUDE FOR THIS SUPPORT. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY WISH TO APPEAL, ONCE AGAIN, TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO UNRWA TO ENABLE IT TO CARRY OUT ITS HUMANITARIAN TASK EFFECTIVELY. END TEXT

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